2. टी० पी० शिवाकुमारन, सदस्य
3. आर० के० गुप्ता ,,
4. एस० राजगोपालन ,,
5. जे० एम० मिश्रा ,,
6. सुश्री रुचिरा मुखर्जी ,,
7. विनोद कुमार ,,

समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट 04.10.1995 को प्रस्तुत कर दी है।

(ग) समिति की सिफारिशें विचाराधीन हैं।

(घ) और (ङ) उक्त को देखते हुए लागू नहीं होता।

Illegal Felling of Trees

296. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to the news appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 9th September, 1995 under the capition "N-E losing its green cover"; and

(b) If so, the effective steps taken or being taken to put an end to the illegal felling of trees in the North East region of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The information is being collected from the states and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hurriyat Conference Leader's propaganda against India

297. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the All Party Hurriyat Conference Mirwaiz Moulvi Umar Farooq had a meeting with the Prime Minister of Pakistan at New York in October, 1995 and discussed the Kashmir issue with her;

(b) under what circumstances the Hurriyat leader visited U.S.A. and carried out anti-India activities on Kashmir issue;

(c) what are the details in this regard;

(d) what has been the attitude and stand taken for an against India on Kashmir issue by the delegates of foreign countries participating in NAM Conference; and

(e) to what extent India has been able to convince the foreign countries about its stand on Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) According to reports, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq met Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto in New York on October 20, 1995 and discussed issues relating to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) and (c) Mirwaiz Umar Farooq holds a valid Indian passport and has travelled abroad on the same in the normal course. During his visit to the US, he attended the OIC meetings in New York and in Washington he, inter alia, met officials in the US State Department, including Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs, Ms. Robin Raphel. He also met Senator Hank Broan, Chairman of Near East and South Asia Subcommittee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Jesse Helms, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and Democratic Congressman Jim Moran.

Government is keeping a watch on the activities of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, while abroad and would take such action as may be deemed necessary and appropriate.

(d) and (e) There is widespread support of India's stand that all Indo-Pak issues should be resolved between the two countries through direct bilateral negotiations. Pakistan's efforts to include references to the Kashmir